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Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration and allowance of the above identified patent application are respectfully requested. The referenced application addresses cyano- substituted thiophenes, compositions containing such compounds and methods of treatment.

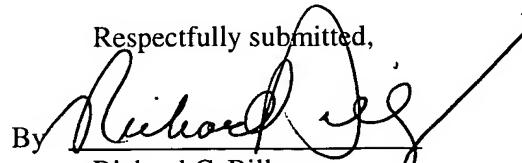
The Examiner indicated that claims 16 and 19 were in allowable condition. This indication of allowability is appreciatively acknowledged.

The Examiner rejected claims 6-9, 14, 15, 20 and 21 and held claims 7, 18, 22 and 23 as withdrawn pursuant to a restriction requirement.

Claims 6-9 and 20 are cancelled herein.

Claims 14 and 15 are now independent. Claim 20 has been amended. No new matter has been added. All amendments made are to expedite prosecution and place the application in condition for allowance.

Based upon the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance are approximate and are respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions, she is requested to telephone the undersigned.

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